

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 212

By Fraley

A RESOLUTION to congratulate Pat and Mickey Hallum upon
being named the 2004 Tree Farmers of the Year
by the Tennessee Forestry Association.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly are pleased to specially recognize those outstanding citizens of our state who have committed themselves to sustaining the renewable natural resources of Tennessee in a manner that provides economic enrichment while preserving valuable resources and biodiversity; and

WHEREAS, two such dedicated conservationists are Mickey and Pat Hallum, owners of May Apple Hollow Tree Farm in Lincoln County; and

WHEREAS, Mickey, a retired Chief of the System Evaluation Branch for the U.S. Army Missile Command Research Laboratory, and Pat, a retired registered nurse, purchased forty-two acres of land in 1986 and later purchased adjoining property to bring their total acreage to 105; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Mr. and Mrs. Hallum planted thirty acres of loblolly pine and, in 2002, these trees were marked for thinning, favoring the best pines for future saw timber; and

WHEREAS, the May Apple Hollow Tree Farm constitutes a long-term investment for producing income from the sale of forest products; however, that it does much more by providing wildlife habitat and biodiversity is a testament to the Hallums' enlightened stewardship; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with their interest in tree farming, sustainable forestry management, and wildlife food and cover, the Hallums included wildlife considerations throughout their management activities, ranging from food plots to creating openings for wildlife and habitat concerns; and

WHEREAS, keeping their land beautiful and environmentally friendly, Mr. and Mrs. Hallum seeded wildlife plantings after logging landings were used to gather logs during harvesting operations; and

WHEREAS, bloodroot, a rare plant, inhabits the Hallum family tree farm; evincing great care for the environment, the Hallum family plans to protect this precious plant during any hardwood or pinewood harvesting, and this concern for the environment won the May Apple Hollow Tree Farm the designation Certified Stewardship Forest by the Tennessee Division of Forestry in 1998; and

WHEREAS, not only are Mr. and Mrs. Hallum good stewards, they also participate in many outreach efforts to promote forest management; Mickey Hallum is a member and former President of the Tennessee Tree Farm Committee and he has appeared before legislators representing private landowner needs; and

WHEREAS, understanding the importance of education and information, Mickey and Pat Hallum have organized the Tree Farm information booth at the Lincoln County Fair for the past five years, and he has presented several "career days" at local schools; Mickey was also instrumental in organizing the Elk Valley Forest Landowner Association, which signed up fifty-two members during its first meeting; and

WHEREAS, successfully balancing their great concern for economic needs and environmental stewardship, Pat and Mickey Hallum are the fitting recipients of Tennessee's 2004 Outstanding Tree Farmers of the Year award, and it is appropriate that this General Assembly pause in its deliberations to honor this outstanding couple; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we congratulate Mickey and Pat Hallum upon being named the 2004 Tree Farmers of the Year by the Tennessee Forestry Association and thank them for their dedicated and thorough understanding of our State's precious renewable resources -- our forestland and wildlife habitat.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we extend to the Hallum family our best wishes for every success and happiness in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.